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RENEWAL OF SECRECY ORDER (35 U.S.C. 181-188)

NOTICE: To the applicants, legal representatives of applicants, and any and all assignees, and any legal representatives of the same.

The appropriate Government agency has notified the Commissioner for Patents that an affirmative determination has been made by the Government agency, identified below, that the national interest required renewal of the secrecy order. The secrecy order is therefore, renewed, effective for a period of **ONE YEAR** from the mail date of this renewal notice.

The secrecy order may be renewed for additional periods of not more than one year upon notice by a Government agency that the national interest so requires.

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Dear Sir:

This is to notify you, on behalf of the agency who caused the Secrecy Order to be issued on the below-identified patent application, that an affirmative determination has been made, on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy, that the national interest requires that the invention continue to be kept secret and that the grant of a patent continue to be withheld.

The Current Secrecy Order expiration date is 2/16/2006.

Accordingly, it is recommended that the Secrecy Order be renewed.

Sincerely,

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